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MISS BURROUGHS' LEADERSHIP

Woman's Auxiliary Convention Contributes \$15,000 to Foster the Work of the National Training School For Women and Girls-Strong Temperance Plank In Its Curriculum.

By N. BARNETT DODSON.

The contribution of more than \$15,-000 for the education of girls and women by the woman's convention, auxiliary to the national Baptist convention, is another chapter in that remarkable series on self help among the colored people that in later years has marked their efforts at race prog-

All the efforts of the convention have lately been centered in the establishment and maintenance of the National Training School For Women and Girls, which is located at Lincoln heights, District of Columbia, and in which it is the aim to teach girls and women of the race how to live and be

The institution is devoting itself entirely to the development of the best that there is in every woman and girl and thus creating within her self reliance and a deep sympathy that will s clear her vision that she will see her duty on every hand and will not be lacking in the determination to do her

part well. The moving spirit in all this work is Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, a good representative of the new, conscientious young womanhood, who for several years has been the corresponding secretary of the woman's convention, which fosters the new school. The work of the institution during the past year has more than justified its exist-

Miss Burroughs, by constantly calling attention to the efficacy of the work she is doing, was able to report at the recent meeting of the convention more than \$15,000 for the work in one year.

Besides maintaining this school for the exclusive training of young women the convention, through Miss Burroughs, supplies large quantities of literature to local organizations of a missionary character, helps maintain missionaries in African fields, takes care of several African students in other Baptist schools, does juvenile work and in many ways acts as a guide and restraining influence upon many of the

women of the race whom it can reach. The first year's work found in the missionary training department fifteen



MISS N. H. BURROUGHS.

young women, four of whom were pledged to go to Africa on the completion of their studies and one to Haiti. Domestic science is taught, the value of which, as an economic asset, is impressed upon the students daily by the principal and teachers.

Miss Burroughs is a pronounced advocate of the theory that if colored girls and women are to perform any portion of the domestic work in the families of the south and of the nation it behooves them to be able to do it well enough to shut out any class of | Philadelphia Record.

In this connection she is also pronounced in her ideas as to the proper conduct of young women and at the risk of considerable criticism from ultra extremists occasionally gives the women and girls with whom she comes in contact throughout the country some rather plain advice.

The National Training school takes on a great work and as far as its limited apparatus will permit is "making good." In its curriculum room is left for pronounced instruction along these lines, not the least of which is temperance:

"If we cannot put into office men who are opposed to saloons we can put out of the pulpit men who do not stand for temperance. If we cannot vote the saloon out of town we can vote the beer bucket and the whisky flask out of the home and out of the pocket."

What has been done to secure the plant, which is already valued at upward of \$20,000, has been done by the race, Miss Burroughs proceeding on the theory that it is better to demonstrate what the race can do for its own uplift before seeking outside aid.

A Grasshopper Cure.

Blake Hoggatt, the most tobacco chewing negro in these parts, says he has found a new way to exterminate grasshoppers. Blake says to catch a couple of the hoppers and pinch them on the legs until the muscles become sore. Then turn them loose. They will hop so queerly that all the other grasshoppers will die laughing. The hard part, Blake says, is to catch the two original grasshoppers after the others are all dead and kill them.-Leesville (Colo.) Light,

The Opium Habit In London. After a thorough investigation the Pall Mall Gazette has come to the usion that the opium habit is shockingly prevalent among the working classes of London. One phase of the evil is the impregnating of cigarettes with opium, which, the Gazette asserts, "is rampant, especially among the mill girls of Lancashire, who find it irresistible as a solace and means of obtaining temporary relief from the weariness and pain attendant on a life of toil."

The Boy Scouts Movement. The boy scout movement has reached the Malay peninsula, and Singapore is to have a fine organization under the patronage of the governor and chief justice. It is a good thing in many ways, aside from the military training, and bids fair to become one of the permanent and most popular institutions of the peninsula. All through the British colonies boy scout organizations are being formed.-Consular Reports.

To Cement Iron to Wood or Stone. (a) Over a coal fire mix together four parts black pitch, one part wax and one part brick dust; (b) four parts black pitch, one part each sulphur, fron filings or brick dust.-Scientific

Experiments conducted in England suggest the possibility that shields may once more form an important part of the equipment of an army. Steel shfelds three millimeters in thickness and about 150 square inches

in area have been devised, which af-

ford complete protection against bullets fired from the service rifle at a

Shields For Soldiers.

range of 400 yards. The small size of the shield, which weighs only seven pounds, requires that the soldier shall lie prone on the

ground in order to be sheltered. Each shield has a loophole for the rifle and studs at the sides, so that a series of them can be linked into a continuous screen. The idea is that by the use of such shields the necessity of digging trenches may often be avoided --Harper's Weekly.

An Indian God Rook,

There is a famous historical rock on the banks of the Allegheny river near Franklin, Venango county, known as the Indian God rock, which it is proposed to move to Franklin to insure its preservation. It is figured that the rock, which bears Indian hieroglyphics, weighs about 125 tons. It is believed that it can be lifted from its foundation in whole or in part by one of the railroad steam cranes and loaded on a car and taken to Franklin. It has been visited by thousands of persons, among them many scientific men, who have pronounced it an Indian relic of much historical worth-



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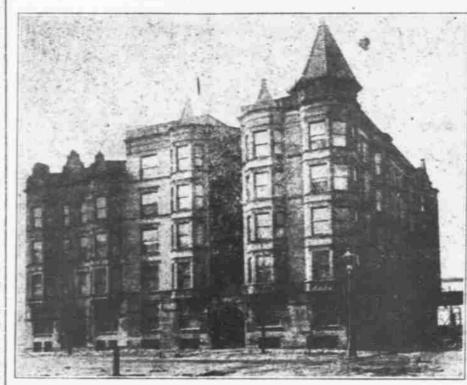
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